



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): M. RAJAGOPALAN *et al.*

Attorney Docket No: 20002.0101

Application No.: 09/940,770

Group Art Unit: 1712

Filed: August 29, 2001

Examiner: D. Buttner

For: GOLF BALL CORE COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING HIGH VICAT SOFTENING
TEMPERATURE, RESILIENT
THERMOPLASTIC MATERIALS

RECEIVED
MAR 24 2003
GROUP 1700

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 15, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration during the examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A marked up version of the revised Specification paragraph, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. Please replace the paragraph found at page 18, line 32 to page 19, line 2 with the following:

The manner in which the ionomers are made is well known in the art, as described in, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 3,264,272, which is incorporated in its entirety by reference herein. Such ionomer resins are commercially available from DuPont under the tradename SURLYN® and from Exxon under the tradename IOTEK®. Some particularly suitable SURLYNS® include SURLYN® 8140 (Na) and SURLYN® 8546 (Li), which have a methacrylic acid content of about 19 percent.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix B. Please amend the claims as follows: